

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

April 20, 2026

Council President F. John Betts opened the meeting with the following members present: Richard Hupe, Jim Kozumplik, Mary Leatherman, and Stephen Alspaugh. Also attending were: Mayor Carrie Schlade, City Engineer Brian Wieland, Fire Chief Doug Pool, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, Wastewater Superintendent Wes Wygant, City Attorney Marc Fishel, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2026 Regular Meeting, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Bryan resident Steve Cox invited all City Council members to come to his neighborhood and inspect the poor condition of South Court.

Mr. Hupe moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to approve the Clerk-Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2026 as submitted by Clerk-Treasurer Lehner. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 18, 2026, titled,

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS "2025 SOUTH WALNUT AREA SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS."

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland explained this is an increase of \$10,286.73 for two additional taps, which brings the project total to \$418,569.73. The project is ongoing.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 18, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 18, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 19, 2026, titled,

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF BRYAN, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

was presented and read by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Lehner explained that the four items requested reflect the receipt of donated funds for Fountain City Amphitheater

programming, Lincoln Park, the police and fire training facility, or proceeds from the sale of unused and unneeded Police Department equipment.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 19, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 19, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 26, 2026, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2026.

was presented and read by title only. Street Commissioner Engstrom requested the Council's approval to purchase 1,000 tons of road salt from the Ohio Department of Transportation for the next winter season. This is an annual request, but reflects an increase from last year's purchase of 800 tons. The salt barn currently has room to store the additional amount.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 26, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Resolution No. 26, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 27, 2026, titled,

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A \$30,600.00 DONATION FROM VARIOUS SPONSORS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE FOUNTAIN CITY AMPHITHEATER.

was presented and read by title only. Mayor Schlade asked the Council to accept donations made from multiple donors for use toward the 2026 Fountain City Amphitheater summer schedule.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 27, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 27, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 28, 2026, titled,

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A \$15,000.00 DONATION FROM BRYAN FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES TO THE CITY OF BRYAN FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE DONATIONS.

was presented and read by title only. Fire Chief Pool explained that repairs and maintenance work on the Fire Department's aerial ladder truck, Tower 27, have been completed at a final cost of approximately \$30,000.00, and that this donation is being made to help offset those costs to the City. Council President Betts and Mayor Schlade each commented on the ongoing generosity of the Bryan Eagles to the City of Bryan and offered recognition and thanks.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 28, 2026, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to pass Resolution No. 28, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade explained that the Ohio Division of Liquor Control has notified the City that all Class C and D retail liquor permits will be expiring on June 1, 2026. This is normal procedure, and those permit holders will be submitting renewal applications between now and then. The Council is offered an opportunity to object to any of the renewals and request a hearing. If there are no objections, no legislative response is required, and renewals will proceed in their normal course.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to waive Bryan City Council's right to object to any of the 2026 Class C and D liquor permit renewals. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Alspaugh seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss with the City Attorney disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action at 5:44 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend: Mayor Schlade, City Attorney Fishel, Clerk-Treasurer Lehner, Fire Chief Pool

Fire Chief Pool exited the executive session at 6:16 p.m.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:54 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Alspaugh moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer